

## Let's Call Ourselves Stamp Collectors, Says Theodore Steinway

Perhaps it was the messed up CipeX poster that caused Theodore Steinway to speak in favor of calling ourselves just plain Stamp Collectors rather than Philatelists, when he was acting as Toastmaster at the CipeX Banquet at the Hotel Astor on the night of May 23rd. Or perhaps it was just the common democratic man in him that was asserting itself.

Anyhow Mr. Steinway told a little story about a girl who had married a man whom her friends began to mention as a "Philatelist" in hushed tones. The rumor spread, and among some there was a fear or question as to whether it was "catching." Mr. Steinway said that he believed our hobby would benefit and prosper if we called ourselves stamp collectors and I do not doubt but that many will agree with him.

The CipeX or Centenary poster that was first put out for general distribution was revamped two or three times after some of the local publicity for New York, the publicity that was aimed at getting the general public to view the show, was placed in the hands of Korbel & Cowell. They promptly jerked the "Philatelic" theme from the posters and put in big letters, the words "Stamp Show." That was language the public understood and doubtless the show benefitted from this act.

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By George W. Linn

In past years when attending an event as big and as important as the Centenary Exhibition I have always given our readers a detailed story of my trip, telling them of the fun I had as well as about the events of Philatelic interest. Last week, Mr. Rueth gave a very good coverage of many points and collections of interest in the show, but he could have filled several pages with a continuous praise of the wonders that were on display in stamps from everywhere. I will not attempt to cover the ground as he did, but shall confine my remarks to other matters which may be of interest to some of our readers.

My arrival in New York on Friday morning gave me an opportunity to attend the preview of the show on Friday night, there was a goodly crowd there and Government men were active in preparation for the opening in the morning. I had expected to get to what was announced as an A. S. D. A. convention. I looked over the building for the boys and failed to find them. Anyhow it amounted to little or nothing in so far as accomplishing anything was concerned and wound up with an arrangement for the publishers to meet at the ASDA Lounge later in the week.

At this meeting, which was attended by representatives of most of the papers, there was an evident desire on the part of most all of them to take some steps that would remedy some of the disagreeable situations now existent. Just what will come from this will be determined when the plans begin to mature. Personally, we would like to see a meeting of two or three days duration where some definite plans could be formulated and adopted and pledges given for keeping such plans.

The dinner at the Roosevelt in the rooms of Mr. Leonard Cony of Wholesale Incorporated, was attended by several of the publishers and although no definite plan was put forward or adopted, we still felt that most publishers are anxious for some plan that will help eliminate the irresponsible dealers and help put the business as a whole on a more business like footing. Perhaps in due time something can be done that will accomplish these results. We can assure our readers that if such a thing is done it will benefit the collector as much as anyone else.

I have gotten away from my running account of the show as I have skipped over into the Cony dinner following the ASDA meetings, since all this matter was related.

However, the show opened on schedule on Saturday morning. There were crowds lined up almost entirely around the Grand Central Palace waiting for the doors to open. There were movie men, camera men and all the other things there that go to make up a big premier.

All day long they came, in fact the crowd became so large that there was at times, talk of closing the doors to prevent overloading. In New York in all public places signs are posted which state that the capacity of the room in which you are, is, 100, 200 or some other number of persons and it is prohibited that more be admitted. I believe the sign in the Palace said 3500 and if I am right, you can understand how heavy the attendance was on many days for the building was literally filled with people.

From the beginning it was evident as I have always known it would be that the attendants were as anxious to see the dealers stocks and buy stamps as they were to see the show. Any stamp exhibition is not complete without a bourse, for after all the

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The exhibition will be made up of over five hundred pages from the collections of a number of Richmond and Virginia collectors and will portray the story of the United States Postal Service illustrated by stamps and covers used over the century. In addition to the stamps issues by the regular postage purpose there will be included those for specific purposes such as for commemoration of nationally known characters or outstanding historical events, the establishment of parcel post service, special delivery, air mail, postal savings, postage due, registration, revenues, private proprietary, match and medicine, postal permits and postage meters.

There also will be a section of the exhibition for pre-stamp covers and postmasters provisional stamps which were in use just before the

first official postage stamps were issued. Among the items in this section will be the Baltimore "James M. Buchanan," St. Louis "Bears" and "New York Post Office."

Perhaps the most outstanding and certainly the most appropriate exhibit will be the Dietz collection of the Confederate States in the Capitol of the Confederacy. This collection is acknowledged to be one of the finest in existence and has been awarded medals in several of the national and international shows. It is indeed fitting that this collection having been made by a Richmond man who has devoted a lifetime to its accumulation can be displayed in its home city on such an occasion.

The Centennial exhibition will be in the Assembly Hall of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts located at corner of North Boulevard and Grove Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. It will be opened to the public during the regular hours of the Museum. Additional information concerning the exhibition can be secured from John L. Howard, exhibition chairman, 1600 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

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CLUB PUBLICATION HONORS FATHER WITH NOVEL COVER

A frontispiece that tickles our male fancy just a trifle more than usual is the one on the June issue of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society's, "The Straight Edge." Pictured are various items that are usually thought of when father is to come into his own on the one day a year that has been set aside for his honor. These gifts include a shaving brush, socks, pipe, golf balls, slippers, fountain pen, necktie and lighter. All of these have been eliminated with a large X drawn through the picture of them. The one item that receives an enthusiastic approval is a volume marked stamps and which has an Okay signed by "Pop."

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COURIER-JOURNAL HAS AN INTERESTING STORY ON STAMP COLLECTING

Apparently any number of newspapers throughout the country went all out in recognizing the recent Centenary of United States Postage Stamp celebration. In their Sunday supplements and magazine sections these papers had very nice publicity on United States stamps and the hobby of collecting. Probably one of the nicest presentations took place in the Courier-Journal magazine of Louisville, Ky. It was especially interesting to note that quite a bit of attention was given to J. Robert Schmidt the producer of the famous Artmaster cacheted envelopes. The story gave a very good resume of what processes Schmidt uses when preparing and mailing his popular cachets to persons all over the world.

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The stamps produced by the government of Czechoslovakia in commemoration of the massacre of the inhabitants of Lidice by the Nazi on June 10, 1942 have a somewhat morbid and forbidding appearance, especially the two low values which are printed in black and which depicts a mask of intense sorrow. Perhaps other designs could have been chosen to convey the anguish of the Czechoslovakia citizens because of this dastardly deed, but the present ones seem to convey the feeling of the nation in the best possible manner. While quite unusual, these pictures are simple and to the point, and speak truly of the sorrow and the will to carry on again as expressed in the slogan, "Lidice Shall Live Again."

Issued on the fifth anniversary of the massacre, June 10, the set has values of 1.20Kcs. and 1.60Kcs printed in black which have the mask for a design, and a 2.40Kcs in red which has as its theme an allegorical figure.

## A Long Time Between Mail Deliveries For Canada's Arctic Citizens

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The only other connection that these far north residents of Canada have is when between patrol auxiliary, or courtesy services are provided by plane or other means and where such a service can be rendered or is advisable. On these courtesy trips, only first class mail is carried.

## Thirty-Nine Killed In Airplane Crash, But Mail Came Thru

On Thursday evening, May 29, commercial aviation suffered its greatest calamity by the crash of a plane barely risen from the runway at LaGuardia Field in New York. Thirty-nine people were killed in this crash, but the mail came through as is evidenced by a letter which came to our office from L. B. Webber of Brooklyn.

This letter is postmarked at Grand Central Station in New York, in fact postmarked in two places as it evidently went through the machine in the wrong position in the first place and was sent through again. Both postmarks are date May 29, 1 p. m.

The letter shows evidence of having been soaked with water, and the back of the envelope is scraped and rubbed as though it may have skidded on the gravel.

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There has been from time to time some champion of little business, but these fellows always get sunk somewhere in the throes of big business. The little fellow has a poor chance and can only take what is handed to him, but he can howl, but little good does his howling do as we well know and as our subscribers well know too.

At the Centenary International Stamp Show in New York, May 17 to 25, the Post Office Department sold over one million dollars worth of postage stamps to stamp collectors. Yet the Department is in terrible shape as far as handling the mail is concerned and service on certain types of mail is no better today than it was 100 years ago. Here we have celebrated 100 years of our first postage stamps and today it takes eight to ten or twelve days to get delivery of this publication through the U. S. Mail to points within a radius of 100 miles of Sidney. There is no method in the whole system, for we do know that some points as far as two or three thousand miles away get better service than some within a hundred miles of this city.

Why not clip off a few millions from some of our gifts and loans to foreign governments and put it into our postal service. The remedy is an easy one, anyone knows from talk with postal employees that the whole department is short handed, undermanned. Let us put "Lend Lease" in effect with our P. O. D., let us do anything that will put the department on its feet and permit it to give the service that the public is entitled to.

## VOX POP

The following letter is printed at the request of Mr. Lawrence L. Shenfield. We can only say that in printing the original article in our issue of May 5th we printed what our New York Correspondent gave us and he still insists that the information given us was accurate and came from a member of the CipeX Committee. The original informant, however, does not wish his name used, so we can only print the statement of Mr. Shenfield and express regret that we printed the original statement without it being signed by the man who was responsible for it.

This we believe is the first instance in which our New York Correspondent has been questioned in his reports, so we are very well pleased with his efforts thus far.

My attention has been called to your May 5th issue—page 21—where I am the subject of some erroneous reporting.

In this item after a complimentary remark about my collecting activities, the article goes on to say—"At a meeting of the Centenary Committee in New York he regretted the appearance of such an article, especially just a matter of weeks before the opening of the great exhibition designed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of American postage stamps."

I made no such remarks expressing regret nor any remark remotely approaching the intent of this paragraph.

Therefore I ask that you print this letter in full, together with any retraction which you, as Editor, deem necessary. I should appreciate receiving a copy where in this letter is printed, together with your retraction.

Yours Very Truly  
Lawrence L. Shenfield.



By KENNETH M. GIERHART  
Baltimore, Ohio

You no doubt have been told in times past that any cancellation that does not run off of the stamp onto the cover is a precancel, that is unless someone is fixing up something for you. That of course technically is not true. But leads us up to the contradictory question, "when is a Precancel not a Precancel?" That such a condition is true goes without saying. Because there are certain types of cancellations that Postmasters use both for precancelling and postcancelling. These generally are Rollers of various kinds and are easily operated. You will recognize the cancellation by the fact that the town name is only partially on one stamp and that the lines are always very wavy. A lot of Postmasters like to do their Precancelling with these because of the speed, although it is definitely against the rules. So the next time you note a Precancel looking stamp with wavy lines have it checked by a collector in the know before you pass it on for a real precancel. This is the point where the catalog makers draw the line. Few realize that there is such a close connection between Post-Cancelling and Precancelling, many thinking that it is either a Precancel or it is not. The fact is there are many types of Cancellations that are on the Border line. Mr. Arthur Chandler of Lebanon, N. H. submits a cover from Herkimer, N. Y. in the Wavy type. I also have had reports recently from Bowling Green, Ohio and Lancaster, Ohio of this type being used at those offices. Some collectors have named these types Pseudo-Precancels. Maybe they are right.

**NOTES**  
The ESCEPEEC Bulletin of the Southern Calif. Precancel Club was mailed with a 1c Pres. from Lindsay in U-120 type. A couple of other nice President-

ials. A 20c New Orleans in U-121N type, with SPO letters possibly part of dating. 8c Lake City S. C. U-121 type. One wonders if that New Orleans type is a permanent one or not.

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## Large Amount Of Quality Philatelic Merchandise Is Still To Be Had; Dealers At Big Show Proved This

by Carl P. Rueth  
While traveling through the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, we took notes on the stocks and the personnel of many of the dealers represented there. Some of these have been reviewed already; the balance, according to our penciled notes stacked up with us as follows: The Wakonda Stamp Co. under the efficient direction of Herbert Swift, presented a smart looking lot of United States material to the appreciative eyes of the visitors at his booth. Since this firm makes a specialty of catering to the wants of collectors of United States stamps exclusively, they have developed their sources and their stock to

outstanding proportions in this field. They have one of the largest stocks of date revenue stamps in the country.

Just a few steps down the line from Wakonda was the headquarters of the Elbe File & Binder Co. This company had their full line of philatelic products on display for the interested inspection of the constant crowds that were examining their wares. Several of the albums had been released only recently, and these beauties were offered for public appraisal at the Exhibition for the first time. The entire Elbe line, from approval cards and books on up through their albums and stock books are all attractively and sturdily made and have the added advantage of being a quality product regardless in what price range the collector wishes to make his selection.

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Ky. We found out that while they were doing business to delight the heart of any dealer with their new issues, they were even more pleased with the acquisition of the many new names of collectors to their mailing lists who indicated keen interest in receiving their quality approvals and their regular offerings of new issues by mail. They have the stamps and the contacts of many countries, and are able to offer clients of their New Issue Service definite allotments of stamps even when an issue is somewhat limited.

Some good news was heard at the Walter J. Thomas, Inc. booth. This company has appointed Irving Lapiner as the Eastern distributor for their well known and handy product, "Protective Mounts." Placing these philatelic mounts in the hands of the Eastern dealers shouldn't prove to be much of a job, because the way the crowd gave their approval to this safe and economical method of mounting stamps, the biggest problem will be to have enough stock to meet the demands.

We knew that there were a terrific lot of plate number blocks and full mint sheets still in existence of issues from away back and up to 1947 of United States stamps, but we never expected to see nearly all of them at one place and at one time. Maybe we're stretching it a little, but the stock of these items at the Murray Simmock & Co. booth almost led one to believe that this impression was true. While this company specializes in United States mint sheets and in plate number block, they apparently took their specialization serious to the extent that they have what looks to be an inexhaustible supply of these items. Not only can you get a quote on one of anything, but they'll also quote you in terms of hundred, or larger, and what is very important, deliver the goods!

The people who build their collections from packets of stamps were giving the people behind the counter of the Stamp Collector's Guild a whole of a lot of business. We got the impression that no matter what country you would have in mind from which you would want a packet they would be able to supply it to you in several different sizes, depending on the number of stamps in each. They were also able to supply one with various size collections, many of the larger ones neatly mounted in books, and up to fifty thousand varieties.

Ernest Mueller of Switzerland, who incidentally was one of the judges, had a booth all to himself and away off the beaten path of the rest of the merchants. This apparently didn't hurt his business in the least, for actually he had people in line in front of his counters waiting to be given the opportunity to make a purchase. We found this to be quite understandable when we checked his stock and prices. As an example, his prices on the rare, modern and popular stamps of Switzerland scooped the show.

One of the most gracious persons we met at the show was Mrs.

Eugene Klein of Philadelphia, the guiding light behind the firm of Eugene Klein of that city and who specializes in Auctions and Private Treaty negotiations. Our impression that a great hearted and progressive person was conducting the Klein business was verified when we met this charming lady. We like people and businesses who are on their toes.

Robert K. Edgerly had a booth that caused more people to pause and examine his wares than possibly any other booth in the show. He had the philatelic novelties. Many of the items that he had especially for the Exhibition will be offered to the readers of this paper in the near future, and it might be added that these specialties are quality products. At the present time he is preparing an enormous lot of covers to be offered for sale as single items, and in lot packages.

The Grossman Stamp Co. caught the eye of every transient dealer at the show with their abundant display of stamps and philatelic accessories, which they wholesale exclusively, to the trade. Besides handling many of the articles of the famous trade names in philatelic merchandising, they are also distributors for the Scott line, including the yearly catalogs. The ordinary collector couldn't buy a thing here, for Grossman's wholesale exclusively; the best that he could hope for was that his favorite dealer would acquire some of the slick items on display.

Converts to the pleasure of collecting the stamps of Mexico were made daily at the booth of Pablo Fabian, the dealer from that country. At the show he had a comprehensive stock of both used and mint stamps of this country, plus a practically complete showing of the revenue stamps of this southern neighbor. Pablo is pretty much of an expert on Mexican stamps, also.

A hope that we had long nourished was fulfilled when we met Joseph Goldberg, the wholesaler who deserted Chicago and the middle-west for Culver City in California. He looked sort of harried when we saw him, but no wonder, he was meeting nearly all of the dealers to whom he supplies his illustrated bulletin and the desirable stamps that are sold from its pages, plus explaining the merits of the Crystal Clear Philatelic Mounts for which valued philatelic accessory he has recently been appointed distributor. He never lost his smile, or

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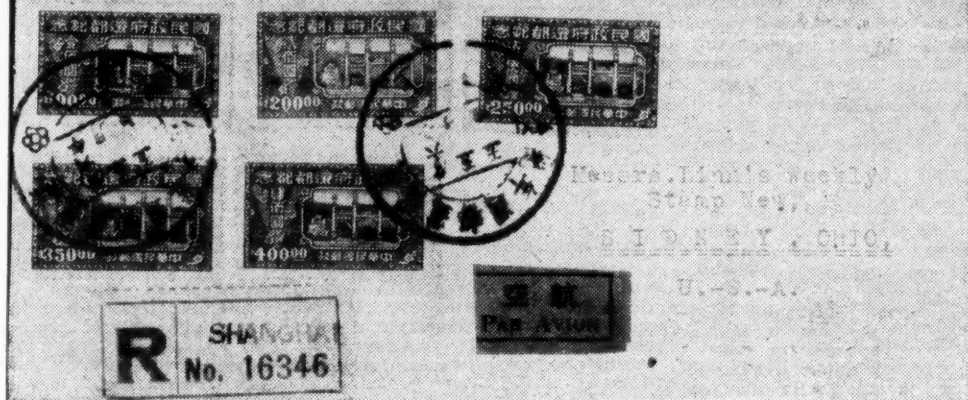
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### INTERESTING FACTS

by L. F. Turley

Did you know that the 5c 1847 stamp has never been found on a first day cover? July 1, 1847, was the first day in New York City.

Did you know that the 100th year anniversary just celebrated in New York was the outcome of over 100 weeks of painstaking effort on the part of most of the leading Philatelists of this country?

Did you know that at least one copy of every kind of stamp ever produced throughout postal history, was exhibited at the exhibition?

Did you know that Horses have appeared on Canadian stamps more than any other animal.

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With a survey of the many auction catalogues, one wonders what ever happened to the prices they use to put on the Civil War Patriotics. None of the recent catalogues ever bother to price them and to the uninformed, that is the same as discouraging bidding. They do not understand on what basis they are to submit bids. A method of marking a fair retail price might bring in many more bids on this type of material. The reference of "Walcott sale" leaves one cold, and still very much in the dark. The Catalog is in the same category as the Scott Catalogue, there are just not enough to go around. Not every bidder on an auction has a catalogue that would be considered up to date.

Wonder if anyone has ever taken a survey as to just how many dealers in the retail trade are now doing business. How many of them have been in business 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 or more years. Also how many dealers starting in business this year will remain in business for the next 5 years or more?

If all the dealers that now count a customer theirs' exclusively were to check a given number of books of other dealers, how many times would the same name appear on how many books.

How many collectors actually turn down a good piece of advice, when it does not fit into their scheme of collecting. How many collectors spend \$50-\$100 per year with one dealer, over \$100, or less than \$50. Wonder if the collectors ever consider the fact that any order with any dealer of less than \$1.00 does not even pay the dealer to handle it. How many collectors remember to include postage in all orders under \$1.00. How many collectors use commemoratives on their mail to a dealer and how mad they get when the dealer does not use commemoratives on his mail!

Wonder if a dealer ever considers the phrase, "Due to a fortunate buy, we are able to offer," in his ad will work against him if he just stops and considers. If it is such a fortunate buy, then better not let the collector know that you took advantage of someone else in making your killing. The only fortunate buy I ever experienced was in buying another

dealers headache and then they became my headaches!

Wonder if a survey of all collections were to be made, how many of them would actually be worth more than \$250.

How many of the items in the above column would you care to hazard a guess, and on how many would you be right? Furnish proof with all guesses!

### THIS FIRST DAY COVER WAS IN AN AWFUL HURRY

One of the new Airlitter Sheets which was mailed on the first day of issue on April 29, didn't pause in any one place long enough to catch its breath. Sent by T. W. Porter of Buffalo to himself in care of the Buenos Aires, Argentina branch of the company for which he works, it arrived there on May 2, was immediately replaced in the mail in another cover, and was back in Mr. Porter's hands on May 7. Usually, it takes nearly this long to send an airmail letter to Argentina, let alone have it returned in this same amount of time.

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The commemorative issue of stamps that was produced by Mexico in tribute to the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition is shown on a first day cover. The set is a very poor one from both a printing and that of being attractive. Two of the values are for regular postage, a 10c dark brown picturing the first Mexican stamp and Roosevelt with 500,000 printed, and a 15c green showing the heraldic Mexican Eagle and the U. S. 10c 1847 with 2,000,000 printed. There are three airmail stamps to the set. The low value has for its design Roosevelt and the Mexican Eagle arranged in horizontal format and is a 25c stamp in a light lilac color. There were 250,000 of this stamp printed. The middle value is a 30c black showing the 10c 1847 and the Mexican Eagle on a horizontally laid out stamp of which 500,000 were issued. The high value is a 1 Peso in red and blue having the same design as the 25c air stamp. Only 250,000 of these were printed. First day of the set was on May 17, the opening day of the New York show. Covers were received from C. W. Biehl, Apartado 2887, Mexico, D. F., Robert Rubsamen, Independencia 64, Dto. 1, Mexico, D. F. and the Sociedad Filatelica Mexicana, Jose Azueta #31, Desp. 13, Mexico, D. F.

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Missouri. — The Road Fund stamp listed in Cabot's catalog as D5 is really three separate stamps. The first was issued in about 1921 and is the previous stamp (D4) recut, with "State Road" entered in place of "Good Roads." The old "G" and "s" are still partly visible and part or all of "on" shows below the end of Hackman's signature. In the second stamp (D5A in my catalog) the "on" is erased but still faintly visible. The third stamp (D5B in my catalog) is re-engraved with no trace of shading in the panel containing "Act 1907" and no "on" or faint "G" and "s." (The source of the "on" is not known.)

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four stamps.

New Hampshire. — A 2½c olive has appeared in the small sized engraved stamps (A. B. N. Co. imprint) and two values have appeared in a new design: 1½c red and 2c green. The design consists of "New Hampshire" in a half circle around the State seal with "2 cents" directly beneath and below this "Tobacco Products" curved up in the middle above "Tax."

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Oregon. — The Klamath Falls stamps listed in Cabot's catalog as CKF5 and 8, both with question marks (no known copies), have both turned up in used condition, as has also an unlisted 24c green stamp perforated 12. Needless to say, all are very scarce. Only one copy of CKF8 exists as far as can be ascertained.

## LIDMAN LEAVES PHILATELY MAGAZINE TO CONTINUE

News has just been released to the effect that David Lidman has relinquished his position as editor of "Philately." The future plans of Mr. Lidman are not known at this time, but it has been reported that he has moved to New York City.

At the same time as the above release was made word was given that Hartley B. Comfort, president of Comfort Press, Inc., the printers of Philately, intend to continue with the publication of the magazine.

## SOME VARIETIES NOTED ON S. A. ROYAL VISIT

Flaws in some of the Royal Visit stamps of South Africa were noted in the May issue of "Stamp Values" published in Lancing, Sussex, England. The following are said to be the more constant and

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## Keen Competition Was Provided By The Many Excellent CIPEX Entries

It is regretted that it will not be possible for Linn's to publish the full list of winners in the recent Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition because to do so would take up nearly all the space devoted to reading matter. The winners of first places in the various sections will be listed together with the listing of the special awards that were made by the judges for exhibits of philatelic excellence. Even those collectors who won second, third and fourth awards can well feel proud of their efforts since they won against the best collections in the world. When one can get his exhibit in this notable group and come off with a prize, he can feel that his collecting is pretty near top notch.

The Grand Award for the best collection in the entire show went to the Newberry Collection of United States from 1847 to 1889. Saul Newberry, the owner of this outstanding collection received the "Indian Hunter", a large bronze statue offered by the late Alfred Lichtenstein who had won it at a previous international show in 1926.

Several special awards were made as follows: For the best United States collection by the citizen of a foreign country, Klep van Veethoven of Brussels, Belgium had the winning entry. An award of honor in the British Empire group was made to F. A. Daver, Bandra Bombay, India for his entry of a highly specialized collection of India. A special award of honor went to Maurice Scheerlinck of Brussels, Belgium for the best arranged, annotated and mounted collection in Section 3, which included all of Europe except Great Britain.

A collection that was displayed in five frames and in 16 albums, and was of a complete collection of Brazil containing all stamps

mint and in blocks of four or more, and the same infused blocks of four or more, won for Djama de Fozaca Hermes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil an award of honor in the Section devoted to the stamps of Central and South America. Two awards of honor were made in Section 5, which included all countries not previously grouped. A collection of Chinese Treaty Ports, entered by James Starr of Philadelphia received one of the awards while the second was won by Dr. W. Byam of London, England for his comprehensive entry of Egypt.

Section 6, the Airmail group, was probably the most colorful one of all. It was in this section that the judges saw fitting to again make two awards. The recipient of one of them was Sir W. Lindsay Everard, who entered five frames of Airmails of the World, and two albums of the same. Oscar R. Lichtenstein, New York was the other honorary award winner with his entry of five frames and twelve albums showing Airmail Stamps of the World. No awards of honor were made in Section 7, which was set aside to contain General Collections.

The following are the first awards made in the seven section, and all of which are listed in the sections in which they won: **United States**—P. H. Ward, Jr., U. S. specialized; Saul Newberry, U. S. 1847-1869; W. O. Sweet, 1847's; C. P. Cromwell, 20 Century; Mortimer Neinken, 1851-1857; Ethel McCoy, Trans-Miss.; Walter McCoy, Plate Nos.; Stock Exchange Philatelic Society, Telegraphs; Marcus White, Envelopes; L. H. Barkhausen, Envelopes; P. H. Ward, Jr. Revenues; Thomas E. Morris, 19th & 20th Century; Clarence W. Brazer, 1847, 69, 98; Harry A. Dunsmoor, Pre Stamps; F. A. Hollowbush, Blood's; L. H. Barkhausen, Western Express; Katherine Mathews Patriotics; Fred Schmalzreid, Michigan; L. W. & J. P. Shenfield, Postal History.

**Section 2-British Empire Group** C. J. Snowden, Turks Island; B. H. Homan, Jr., St. Lucia; S. A. Brown, Virgin Island; John H. Sinton, St. Vincent; C. J. Snowden, Queensland; S. A. Brown, Western Australia.

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**Section 5-Countries Not Grouped Previously**—Capt. D. McNeill, Egypt; Albert Ceysers, Egypt; M. G. Boulad, Egypt; Madam Gracis Wissa, Egypt; Ernest A. Kehr, Egypt; Richard Canman, China; W. R. Rankin, Chinese Treaty Ports.

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**Section 7-General Collections**—A. C. Beatty, Stamps on Cover; Phillip Ward, Jr., Inverted Centers; Mrs. C. P. Cromwell, British Empire; C. F. Meroni, Postal Evolution; H. Flatau, Brazil.

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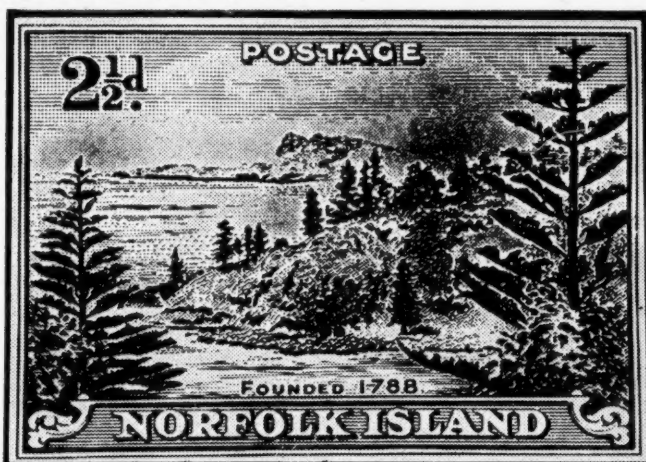
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Discovered in 1774 by Captain Cook, Norfolk Island was a convict settlement from 1788 until 1856, when descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers were transferred from Pitcairn Island, and the convicts removed. Now the population is about 800. Dairying and agriculture are the chief industries, though production for export of oil-giving tung nuts is becoming increasingly important.

Norfolk Island lies in the Pacific Ocean about 930 miles east, and a little north, of Sydney, New South Wales. It is six miles long by three miles wide, has 8,600 acres of land, most arable, and a climate that has often been described as perfect. Temperatures never rise above 90 degrees, nor fall below 47 degrees, while the rainfall is good.

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### THE SHOW IS OVER

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bourse seems to get more serious attention than the frames. These frames at the Cipex were set up with four rows of pages in height. The lower row was so low that one had to stoop or squat to view the stamps properly while the top row was so high that only a giraffe could examine the stamps in comfort. It appears that it would be wise to remember this for the future and lift the bottom row about six to eight inches and eliminate the top row entirely. If this were done, one could examine all pages in comfort. That is if you call walking for hour upon hour comfort. The show was just too big for anyone to view thoroughly and completely in its entirety and if a group of two or three people were to tell you what they saw you would be reminded of the three blind men who went to see the elephant. The Court of Honor was perhaps the chief attraction outside the rare British Guiana Stamp which looked like a gob of sealing wax due to its ugly color and the method in which it was shown. One glance was sufficient and then you seemed to see nothing but a dirty reddish spot. The Court of Honor display was first put in the hands of Mr. Elliott Perry who finally threw up the job when it was turned over to Ezra Cole. We were told by two or three different people that they had been solicited to loan material for the Court of Honor and that it was not shown. That is what happened to the rare Portsmouth Cover which we pictured in our May 5th issue and told you to see in the Court of Honor.

We disapprove of such methods of running things and feel that the Committee erred in doing things as they were done in these instances.

We remarked to several people that we did not believe there was as much of the finer old U. S. Material and such a fine display of U. S. as were shown in the Tipex show. Our belief was confirmed by several who agreed with us. Had Mr. Lichtenstein not passed away there is reason to believe that many very fine frames of U. S. would have been shown, without being entered for competition. It is perhaps just as well to let the boys revel in their glory as to make any remarks as to why this material was not shown. Pique and personal glory always enters into matters where humans are concerned and it takes a big man to overcome it. Had Mr. Lichtenstein lived, we believe things would have been different.

All through the week, the crowds kept coming. As yet we have no definite figures as to total attendance. Evidently the publicity committee felt that their job was done when the show opened.

However we believe that the total attendance figures will run well over 200,000.

My first six days at New York were spent in walking around the three floors of the exhibition and in meeting friends and readers of this paper as well as many of our advertising patrons.

Come Thursday morning, my daughter Hazel arrived when I had to spend another day at the show in order that she might get an eye full of what a big stamp show was like and she did enjoy it, for Hazel is a stamp collector too.

The rest of the week we spent in seeing New York most of the time and we are deeply indebted to many friends for their splendid hospitality.

We had luncheon at the White Turkey, a place famed both in New York and in Danbury Conn., for its fine foods. Our hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Minkus. Mr. Minkus took enough time off from his duties at the booth at the show for this occasion and a very enjoyable time it was for all of us. Later in the week we visited the big Gimbel Stamp Department in the Gimbel store at 33rd and Broadway and the customers were as usual, thick around the counters.

Following the banquet on Friday night at which we had a table for ten, but squeezed in an extra guest at the last minute, we made an after midnight trip to Chinatown in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lieblich of the Cosmopolitan Stamp Company of 1457 Broadway. Hazel is one of those women who love to eat and I get as much pleasure in watching her, being a very light eater myself.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bluss were our hosts and together with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Green of Cleveland and Mrs. Robert Yant of Canton, Ohio, we had a dinner at the famed Kungholm Swedish restaurant where after a three hour session of being wine and dined by our genial host we repaired to his apartment for further visiting. Mr. Green is Chief Chemist for the New York Central Railway at Cleveland, Ohio, we presume he travels on a pass but like many men in big positions he knows little about his own railway line for near midnight we all walked him to the station where he had tickets and reservations for the train near midnight. When his tickets were presented at the gate, he found out that his sleeping car reservation was for the 8:30 train rather than the one near midnight.

Earlier in the week I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herst at their home up to Shrub Oak. This is about 40 to 45 miles north of the city, up in the mountains, a lovely drive and a beautiful place, indicating clearly why Pat chose to conduct his stamp business from the country rather than from the big city. Pat is one of those nervous, dynamic persons who pitches into anything he starts to do with the apparent intention of getting it done and over with.

This week must have been an exceptional strain on him for the drive in and out of New York each day would be more than I would care to tackle and we now learn that Pat is quietly resting like a country gentleman should.

### Y. DERENTZ

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On Sunday, Hazel and I had box seats for the game between the Yankees and Boston, through the courtesy of Ernie Jarvis who ran the Kenmore Stamp Company at Kenmore, New York, a few years ago.

The game was interrupted by rain after which we left, fearing that the rain might continue, but later it cleared up and the game was finished. Anyhow, we saw the Yanks make eight runs in the first two innings and that was the biggest part of the whole game. Following the game we were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis at their apartment on Central Park South where after a very enjoyable dinner we spent the evening reminiscing and Ernie and Janet are still the same two good fellows that we had known for many years past. Old times were talked about, trips to Akron, Cleveland, Detroit and also about our visits to Kenmore. When in Kenmore, Ernie had a dozen handsome young ladies in his stamp shop and we were personally acquainted with all of them. Most of these girls are now married and many with a family on their hands. Time flies, but recollections of the past are always interesting especially when such good people are involved.

I have forgotten to chronicle the fact that we were at the show at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon when the whistle blew to close the show and immediately the police began to shoo the people out, the construction crew began removing equipment from the booths and the place became a bedlam of demolition as it had been a bedlam of construction on the night before the show opened.

Hazel and I saved Monday for shopping. Naturally on a trip to New York one has to remember the folks back home and we spent Monday on a hurried tour of the swanky Fifth Avenue and Broadway stores. We had luncheon in the sunken gardens outdoor cafe at Radio city, we stopped in several of the better known cafes and rode the taxis at a later hour to Greenwich Village where the sidewalk displays of the artists were on view. A walk through this area is one of the interesting sights of New York.

Loaded with bundles which in all were a larger accumulation than the baggage we left home with, when we went back to our hotel to await the train and it was right here at the finish that I got the biggest thrill of my entire trip to New York.

A few days earlier I had seen in the hotel lobby a very beautiful young lady who at first glance I was sure was a high caste native of India. She was gowned in a flowing silk garment which altho it answered for a dress was apparently draped over her figure and I mean over, for not even an ankle was exposed. Her profile was perfect, her skin lovely to look at and her complexion a rich brown. When we arrived at the hotel from our shopping trip to wait for our train, we sat on a large divan in the lobby of the Hotel. Hazel stepped over to the newsstand to get a paper and along came this Indian woman garbed in a flowing flame colored gown that made her beauty so much more apparent. She walked leisurely by me, stopped and sat on the seat beside me. Two children, a boy and a girl apparently about 5 and 7 years old were with her. She sat so close to me I could not refrain from speaking to her and I inquired, "you are from India are you not?" Her answer was in perfect English, "yes, from Bombay". I could not help but feel thrilled by this and told her of our trip to New York for the stamp show. She replied that she did not know anyone who collected stamps. I then reached into my pocket and gave her one of my business cards, she looked at it, but the little boy reached for it and she withdrew it from him and remarked, just like an American woman would have said, "Everything I get he wants."

Just about then it was time for our train and we followed the porter out with a truck load of baggage and bundles gathered on our shopping tour.

Yep, we arrived home safely in the morning and ever since, both of us have been trying to get caught up with what piled up on us while we are away.

I could go on for a week writing about what we saw and what we did, but know that some of you will have had your fill with what I call a very brief running account. We met people from all over the country and the New York boys were pleasant and congenial.

We also missed seeing many whom we were told were there, but just try to find someone in this stamp show and you will soon realize how hopeless it is.

For downright sightseeing at a stamp show, the small ones are by far the more interesting for at those shows one can see everyone and everything, but at a show like this one in New York one comes home with a realization that they probably missed more than they saw.

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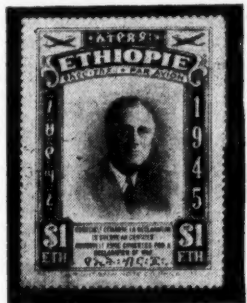
The shower of stamps in honor of our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt continues. The long awaited San Marino set made its appearance at the show in New York as did the Mexican issue. Now comes another issue, more beautiful, more attractive and perhaps fated to be one of the rarest of the Roosevelt issues since our correspondent states that a total of only 2000 sets were issued at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on May 23rd.



Canal Suez, Roosevelt & Haile Selassie Assistant Manoeuvre.



A Roosevelt Homage Reconnaissance.



Roosevelt Asks Congress for a Declaration of War.

The illustrations above are slightly less than full size. The 12c value is with a red frame and a green center, picturing Roosevelt and Haile Selassie in Conference at the Suez Canal. The 25c value, the only one not illustrated in this set of five stamps is the same as the 12c but in blue and rose.

The 65c value is in black except for the crossed American flags which are in natural colors, a most remarkably beautiful stamp.

The \$1.00 value is with a purple frame and the center is brown. This is the finest portrait of Roosevelt that has yet appeared on any Roosevelt set, even including our own United States issue which was among the poorer examples. This portrait however is not of his recent years.

The \$2.00 value is with red frame and blue center, picturing Haile Selassie.

The set is of but five stamps and our correspondent, Y. Derentz, P. O. Box 1363, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, states that the issue was but 2000 sets sold on May 23rd. Whether he intended to say that there were but 2000 sets sold this first day or whether that is the total number issued we do not know, but believe the latter to be the correct answer. The stamps were printed by a very fine engraving process by the Wright Bank Note Company of Philadelphia.

The set commemorates the meeting between Roosevelt and Haile Selassie at the Suez Canal on February 1, 1945.

John Paul Jones Cachet  
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A friendly and helping hand has been extended from the shores of Scotland to Linn's readers by Miss Myrtle R. Morrison, 30

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Among the many club organs to be resumed again is that of the Hellenic Philatelic Society. An edition of this bulletin was prepared for the Centenary Exhibition, and it will be the first of a continuing series. This club has members all over the world, but the bulk of the membership meets regularly in this country on the first Thursday of each month at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St. in New York. Further details on the operation and plans of the club can be gained from K. G. Lemodetis 30-72 37th St., Astoria 1, N. Y.

NETHERLAND AND COLONIES  
GROUP ISSUE BULLETIN

As a new supplement to the quarterly bulletin published by the Netherlands and Colonial Philately, a national organization devoted to the specialization of the Netherlands, Dutch Indies, Curacao and Surinam, the Chicago Chapter will issue a monthly bulletin containing news for these collectors. Details about the monthly bulletin and the regular meetings of this group can be obtained from Frank W. Julsen, 8045 S. Chappel Ave., Chicago 17. Laurence H. Rehm, 129 S. Harvey Ave., Oak Park, Ill., is secretary of the club.

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